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EBENEZER HUNTINGTON





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The pleasure of having come into possession of this extremely important collection of letters and my interest in seeing them preserved for the historical use and reading of future generations are sufficient reasons for issuing this volume.

In making up a sketch of the life of General Ebenezer Huntington, no claim is made of introducing any new facts or original matter. I induced Mr. G. W. F. Blanchfield of Hartford, Connecticut, who discovered these letters to write this introduction although he is a new man in this field of literature. I think the mere fact of his discovery of these letters entitles him to the honor.

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FOREWORD

Ebenezer Huntington was born December 26, 1754, son of Jedediah Huntington of Norwich, and Faith Trumbull, of Lebanon; and grandson of Gen. Jabez Huntington and Elizabeth Backus, both of Norwich.

His grandfather, Gen. Jabez, was one of the two Major Generals of the Militia, after the death of Gen. Wooster, in May 1777, he was appointed sole Maj. Gen. of the State forces.

His father was appointed Col. at the beginning of the War, and at the close of it he received the appointment of Maj. Gen., having served from 1777 as Brig. Gen.

Little is known of Ebenezer Huntington's earlier life, and all accounts published begin with his leaving College, on Friday, April 21, '75, when the tidings of the battle of Lexington were brought to New Haven. The tradition of his having left College without permission, is shown to be true by his letters dated Roxbury Camp, June 25th, & July 23rd, 1775.

On July 25th, two days later than his last letter of complaint on this subject, he received his degree from Yale College, and on August 8th, following, he received an Honorary Degree of B. A. from Harvard College, and in 1785 an M. A. from Yale and Harvard Colleges.

After leaving New Haven, he went direct to Wethersfield, where his brother-in-law, John Chester lived, who was Captain of an Alarm Company, and enlisting April 22, marched from there to Boston.

In the Cincinnati Society Records, he dates his career from April 21, 1775, the day he left New Haven. On his arrival at Boston, he served as a private until

Sept. 8th, when he received his appointment as first lieut. in Capt. Chester's Company, in Gen. Joseph Spencer's Regiment. On January 1st, 1776, he became first lieut. in Col. Samuel Wyllys's Regt., which was Spencer's regiment of 1775, and served with it to the close of the Boston siege, when he marched under Washington to New York. In June he was appointed captain taking part in the battle of Long Island, and near the close of the campaign performed the duties of Brigade Major under General Parsons.

Soon after (Oct. 26, 1776) he received the temporary appointment of Deputy Adj't. Gen. to the troops stationed on the North River, under Maj. Gen. Heath, for the defence of the Highlands. He also received the appointment of Deputy Paymaster. Letters dated this year are from New York, Westchester, Peek's Kill, and Paramus, N. J.

In 1777, Congress authorized Gen. Washington to raise sixteen (16) regiments in addition to those which were to be raised by the respective states, and in one of these, that of Col. S. B. Webb's, he was promoted January 1st, 1777, to the rank of Major. During the year it formed part of Gen'l Putnam's force on the Hudson, and on December 4th, 1777, he writes from Norwalk, Conn. of an expedition to Kings Street; December 11th finds him at Guilford, preparing for an expedition to Long Island, which met with failure, the regiment losing its Colonel and other Officers, Huntington getting back safely.

During the summer of 1778, he was with the troops in Rhode Island, taking part in the battle of August 29th, and the Lieut. Colonel leaving the service presently, Major Huntington commanded the regiment for more than two years.

In December, 1779, he writes from Danbury, of the

March into the Jersies, and in February, 1780, from Morristown where they were in winter quarters, and in June, 1780, the regiment took part in the action at Springfield under Huntington's command. In the following autumn he was commissioned (Oct. 10, 1780) Lieut. Col. He had received the appointment before that but a dispute* arose between himself and Lieut. Col. Ebenezer Gray as to the seniority of rank which caused a delay, resulting, however, in Huntington's favor; his commission antedating Gray's by five days. The case was warmly contested, and was referred successively to the Governor and Council of Connecticut, to the Board of War, to Washington, and by the latter to a court of inquiry, consisting of Major-Generals Gates, Heath, and St. Clair, and Colonels Greaton and Ogden. A final decision was not reached until October, 1782. Huntington was detailed to serve as Lieut. Colonel of Col. Scammell's Light Infantry regiment, which formed the van of the army, and marched with Washington to Yorktown.

After the death of Col. Scammell at the opening of the siege, Huntington commanded one half the regiment as a separate corps and Col. Laurens the other half, both being assigned to Lafayette's Light Division on the right of the Line. He also served as volunteer aid to Gen. Lincoln during the siege at Yorktown, and in that capacity witnessed the magnificent spectacle of the surrender of Cornwallis to the soldiers of liberty. In Trumbull's historical picture of the Surrender of Cornwallis, Gen. Huntington is represented in the group of American Officers, his portrait having been taken by the artist from life.

He remained on duty with the army till the troops

*See Letter of August 10, 1776.

were disbanded, having served through the whole war from April, 1775, to May, 1783.

General Huntington retired from the army to the peaceful pursuits of merchandise. But his experience and tact in military evolutions and discipline (he being considered one of the best disciplinarians of the army) made it desirable that he should be retained in the home service, and in 1792, Congress having evolved a system for the Militia of the states, his Excellency, Governor Samuel Huntington, appointed him a General, which position he held for 30 years, under the successive Governors, Wolcott, Trumbull, Treadwell, Griswold, Smith, and Wolcott.

In 1799, he was appointed by President Adams, on the recommendation of General Washington, a Brigadier-General in the United States Army, raised upon the apprehension of a War with France.

In 1810, and again in 1817, he was elected Member of Congress.

He was noted for his fine manly form and military deportment. He was twice married. His first marriage, December 10, 1791, to Sarah Isham, of Colchester, Conn., by whom he had one son, Alfred Isham Huntington, who was born June 2, 1793. His wife died in 1793.

He married again October 7, 1795, Lucretia Mary McClellan, of Woodstock, who died November 5, 1819; by this marriage he had nine (9) children as follows:

Wolcott, born Aug. 20, 1796.

Louisa Mary, born Feb. 20, 1798.

George Washington, born Nov. 22, 1799.

Emily, born Aug. 6, 1801.

Nancy L., born April 6, 1803.

Walter, born Nov. 11, 1804.

Sarah I., born May 1, 1806.

Elizabeth M., born Aug. 24, 1808.

Maria H., born Dec. 13, 1810.

Brig.-Gen. Huntington died June 17, 1834, in the 80th year of his age.

The editor acknowledges his indebtedness to the following works for the facts relating to the life of Gen. Huntington.

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G. W. F. BLANCHFIELD.

Hartford, Conn.

To
THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq.,
Merchant
Norwich
Favored by MR ROBINSON.

New Haven April 15th 1774

Hon'd Sir

In your last by Esq Sherman you wrote me that you Intend to send a horse for me next May should be glad if it is not Inconvenient you would Please to send of your own family with it for I have Several old Clothes that I want to have at Home and Cannot Carry them myself with other Necessaries.

The Vacancy begins Generally the 6th Day of May, toward Night but as it Comes on friday so that Scholars that live at any great Distances Can not get home that week the President and tutors will (I believe) let them go away on thursday—

Last Monday was freemans meeting here when they made Choice of Esq Bishop the first Deputy and after going round two or three times more made Choice of Esq Darling the Second Deputy. After that they tried hard to vote in the Petition which was drawn up at the Convention in Middletown but Could not Effect it at last they Divided the house and got it in by three Majority have nothing further to write you but am in all Respects your Affectionate and Dutiful son

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

P. S. The Deputies in the County are Pretty much as they were Last year there are but 3 New ones in this County.

To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq.
NORWICH.

Roxbury Camp June 25th 1775

Hon'd Sir

As I seldom have written to you perhaps you may think it is owing to Negligence but I assure you that is not the Case it is owing to my being so Prodigiously Hurried for the fall busines in Flaxseed time is nothing to be Compared to the Fatigue I undergo Daily—get to bed att 11o'Clock and up as soon as light appears with a great Deal of Care on my hands—

Nothing has happen'd Lately worth Mentioning Except Yesterday, about 1 o'Clock the Regulars began Firing from the breast work and block house upon our lowermost Centinel & Main guard but did no harm, they Continued their fire till about 3 o'Clock, then they scour all Shells Carcasses &C with a shott from their Cannons about four oClock two of our men very Imprudently ran down upon the neck to destroy the house their main guard was kept in, Suspecting they were then out, but they were fired upon by about thirty of the Regulars, who killed them, then went up to the bodies of the Dead and every one to a man thrust his Bayonet into their bodies—they might have easily taken them as they were both unarm'd but they rather choose to destroy them than take them Prisoners—(a Disgrace to the name of Britons) Our men in General did not regard their firing one half so much as they do a Shower of hail, those men belonging to the Train of Artillery from Rhode Island Espyed a Sheel falling ran up to it knocked out the (Phiz) (Fuse) and brought it up to the General with almost two Pounds of Powder in it, it is Strange that our People regard their firing no more than they do but it is Certainly true they do not Pay any Attention to it—

We hear from Boston by a Gentlemen who made his Escape from thence in a fishing boat that Maj. Pitcairn,

Maj. Sherriff & Col Williams are Certainly killed and about thirty other officers and about twelve hundred Privates killed & wounded so that this losf is a greater Proportion than it was in the Lexington Battle the Number of Wounded from Connecticut is 23, 13 Missing, N Hampshire 10 Missing Seventy four Wounded as to the losf the Massachusetts Sustained I have not been able to Learn

I am well & have been Well ever since I left home and as to Coming home in July I do not think at Present that I Can be With you so soon but Cannot tell should be Glad you would get a Certificate from President Daggett that I am in Regular Standing at College and likewise a Recommendation as I imagine I can have a Degree without Going to Connecticut for it if I have it Certified that I am in Regular Standing, for Doct Langdon hath given me Encouragement that he will give me one if N Haven President refuses it if I am denyed it only because of my tarry from College this Summer and my leaving it without Liberty in the Alarm Last April—

I am Your Dutifull Son EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq
fav'd of MR AVERY

Camp at Roxbury June 29th 1775
Hon'd Sir

I receiv'd your letter & Money Yesterday with a dozen of flints: you wonder why I want so many; the reason is this, My store is so situated that in Case the regulars should Come out I can not move anything out of it; therefor I shall have no reason for not fighting to defend it, which had I no other reason would be Sufficient to Induce me to be Prepared for Defence—

My Chest got safe to hand by Mr Morgan but was most grievously disappointed in not finding one or two Striped Jacketts in it, which I wanted and which might have been sent very Easily

In my last to you I made mention about a degree, I inform'd you that there was a Chance of my having a degree Conferr'd upon me by Doct'r Langdon: Should be glad to have Liberty from you to purchase a suit of Cloths as my light Clothes were much dirtied for want of a Change before my Chest Came, which Obliged Me to ask Liberty for a new suit to make me appear Properly Cloth'd at such a time, should I succeed—but at the same time would not be over Desirous as I am disposed to be as frugal as Posible I understand the Afsembly are Called together Concerning raising more troops should it so happen that Chester should be promoted and Mr Webb should get the Command of that Comp'y should be Extremely happy in having a first Lieut Birth under him at the same time would say that I would not Except^t of a Second Lieut Birth under him nor under any man in the world and Quit my busines I find that threefourth of the Captains in this Province Pay are as unfit for their Station as I Should be for a

Gen'l in Command, not flattering myself would venture
to say that I look upon myself fit for a Captaincy—

As to news have none but what you have heard I am
in all Respects with proper Regards your Dutiful Son—

EBEN HUNTINGTON

N B Should be glad you would
show the lines above to some
member of the lower house
that would try to get me the
birth above mention'd

EB HUNTINGTON

To
THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq.
Merchant
Norwich
c/o LIEUT HUNTINGTON

Roxbury Camp July 23'D 1775

Hon'd Sir

I wrote to you when at Hartford which by your letter you receiv'd I am very sorry that I have not yet received a Certificate of my regular Standing at College because then I could have had a Degree here without being beholden to President Daggett & it would have been but a trifling thing to have Certifyed me regular Standing I have Inclosed to you a list of the Council of this Province—you will see by the members against them thou that have ever been Appointed before—

There was an unlucky Accident happened here Last Friday about 6 o'clock a Careless Fellow belonging to a Company of this Province fooling with a Gun when it went of, Entered a little above the top of the Left breast of a young fellow belonging to the same Company and Came out in the same Direction drove the wad about half through—which was Extracted by Doct Cogswell Immediately who Dressed the wound the young fellow Lay in great pain till about 9 o'Clock when he Expired The young fellow who shot the man has been in great trouble since the affair happened—

Since I wrote you last I have Lamed myself but am much better though not so as to walk but very little—

Possibly you may not have heared that our people have burnt the light house and brought away four men who took Care of the same but it is true I remain your Dutiful Son—

EBEN HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq.

Norwich

To
MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich
Fav'd you by your Brother LIEUT HUNTINGTON
Roxbury Camp July 23'd 1775

Dear Brother

I Expected to have receiv'd a Letter from you before this time but it seems that you think but little of me Otherwife you would have wrote me before—

I should have wrote to you and not waited for you to begin I have been hurried with businefs so that I have not have time—the businefs that I have been Engag'd in hath been more fatiguing than Flaxseed businefs in the fall season—I have been trying for almost 5 Weeks to get Liberty to return & see you a little while but Can-not get it yet

News, we have but little, and what little there is, is in the Letter Directed to father—I hope as soon as another Exprefs arrives from the grand Continental Congrefs to have better businefs & lefs Fatiguing that I now have—

Give my Compliments to all Friend Love to your Wife & Children and to the other Brother & Sisters—If it is Pofsible I intend to see you before fall but it is very uncertain If I get a Birth I have a Prospect of which is Genteel & easy tho very steady & Confin'd—

I am well as to bodily health, but lame for last Wednesday I put out my ankle and it is so lame that I am Confin'd to my house—

I remain your Friend & Loving brother

EBEN HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich.

To
MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich
Fav'd of Col'o TRUMBULL
Roxbury Camp Octo 3'd 1775

Dear Brother

With Pleasure I fulfill my obligations to you in the Letter way—I should have wrote to you before but the great uneasiness which hath been in the Reg't about my Commifſion hath taken up all my time the matter is at Length in a measure Subſided though I can not ſay the Officers like the matter ſo well as I could wish—You will be much Surprized, to hear that our famous Doct'r Church that great pretended Patriot is now under a Special guard of a Capt'n & 40 Men for Correfponding with Gage and other of his Hellish Gang the Plot was discovered by his Miſſ who is now with Child by him and he owns himſelf the father (for he has Difmifſed his Wife) ſhe was the bearer of ſome of his Letters from this place to Newport to Cap't Wallace who hath the for-warding them to Boston—ſhe left them with a man ſhe Suppoſed friendly to Doct'r Church but was miſtaken he having a Curiosity to know the Contents—Opened Them but they were wrote in Characters ſo that he was not able to understand them but Gueſſing the contents brought the Letters & Girl to Gen'l Washington who after an Examination and 4 Hours underguard Con-fefs'd She Carried them from Doct'r Church—his tryal has not been yet but Suppoſe it will be e'er long—

I wish that my Chest might be forwarded as I am in

want of sundry things that are in the Chest— as to news
more than I have wrote have not any thing

I am in all Refpects Your Friendly Brother
(Gen') EB HUNTINGTON

P. S. Those Letters of Doct'r
Church's & sundry others
that were taken out of his
Desk all of them wrote in
Character on Decyphering
will give you the contents
when I shall become know-
ing to them—Give my Love
to your Wife & Other Sis-
ter's & Brothers and also
your Children—

EB H

To
JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq.
Merchant
Norwich
ePost

Camp at Roxbury Octo 5th 1775

Hon'd Parent

I rec'd your letter by post dated 2d you mention about sending my Chest by Ben shall be glad to receive it I should have wrote to you before besides by Mr Wm Calkins but have had nothing material to mention Except yesterday About Doct'r Church when Cap't Trumbull Could tell you more particularly than I could write—Doct'r Church was yesterday before a meeting of the Generals but the news hath not any more transpired.

Night before last one of the Committee of Newbury Post arrived at Head Quarters with a large parcel of Letters they had taken out of a ship from London This ship 300 tons burden was taken by the boats from Newbury port with upward of 2000 bls of Flour and some English Goods the Contents of the Packet of Letters brought to the General is not yet made known but Suppose they must Contain something important as there is a large Packet of them The uneasiness in the Regiment about my Commision still reamains but I am Directed by Gen'l Washington to take my place and am advised by almost all the Gen'l's & field Officers not to think of returning as my going up the point now will put it out of the power of any one that doth not belong to the regiment to come in hereafter—I hope the Officers will grow more easy as it makes it disagreeable —I am in all respects your most Dutiful Son—

EBEN HUNTINGTON

To
JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ.
Merchant
Norwich

Roxbury Camp Nov 22'd 1775

Hon'd Sir

This minute I rec'd your favour by post & Observe the Contents—Am very glad that I am clear of those difficulties as to the Reg't not only as it easies me, but as as it gives you Satisfaction to hear those difficulties subside—The universal determination of the Soldiers from Connecticut seem to be for home at the Expiration of their Seven Months altho they have been repeatedly Solicited in Gen'l Orders to tarry longer. We have great reason to fear that our Enemies knowing our Situation will Endeavor to take the Advantage of it which if they do the Consequences will be worse than it is Generally thought.

I have enclosed you a List of the Officers only of Col'o Wyllys Reg't upon the New Arrangement but will Endeavor to give you a list of the whole Brigade by next post Orders are now given out for one Officer out of Each of the new Companies to go on the Recruiting Service—The 2'd Lieut of our Company is now out on that businefs when he returns, I expect to have an Opportunity to go on the same businefs

As to news we have none—Family in usual Health, Brother Joshua was well Yesterday—I am your very dutiful Son

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ.

Merchant

Norwich

Fav'd by MR PELEG HYDE

Camp at Roxbury Jan'y 12th 1776

Hon'd Sir

This day I rec'd your fav'd by Mr Newin in which you are pleas'd to say that I have not acknowledged your fav'd in which was inclosed a letter from Cap't Chester —That letter I rec'd dated Jan'y 2d I thought I had acknowledged it or should have done it before this time —As to filling up the new Army, it is carried on as well as could be expected considering how disgusted the Old Soldiers went home—As for my own Part I have in-listed but a few, but the Company is as forward as some others—the other two Officers are now on the recruiting service the Enf'n I hear has inlisted about 18 Men but do not know whether it may be relied upon—the other L't has been gone about 8 days—I made a Serg't belonging to Wethersfield who went home & inlisted twenty two men came to Camp and after he came to Camp was Encouraged by a Captain of the Reg't to Ensigney if he would join the 22 Men to his Company accordingly the fellow left me because I had not the Inlistments they had signed—I would not hold him nor his men—As to paying a Visit to my friends at home I lay by all thoughts of it at Present and conclude to wait till we have open'd intrenchments on Dorchester hill—I am your ever dutiful son

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

P. S. Inlisted into Cap' Ham-chets Comp'y contain thirty nine men besides Commif-sion'd Officers

MR. ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Merchant

Norwich

Fav'd you by L't Huntington

Camp at Roxbury 21st Jan'y 1776

Dear Brother

Your favour of the 11th Instant I this day Rece'd (I believe) by the hands of Mr Prince—You must have heard different accounts ere now from Quebeck than what you mention in your letter I wish it had been as you heard (that is it had not been worfe) Brave Montgomery is dead, but he dyed in defence of a glorious Cause, & I hope is happy—Poor Arnold escaped with a wound that Splinter'd the bone of his leg: tho' his wound was not bad, yet he was Obliged to be out so long, to make a safe retreat for his men, that he was much weakened with the losf of Blood, & very much fatigued, The Aid de Camp of Gen'l Montgomery was killed—Maj'r Bigilow, & Meiggs are spoken highly of likewise Maj'r Ogden who acted as Major of brigade, who received a ball through his Shoulder—this young Gentlemen & one Burr who was Secretary to Col'o Arnold both came Volunteers from N Jersey & are much spoken of as to Activity in the battle & great good Courage

I wish to be able to give you the particulars of the whole battle but Imagine that you will be able to get it sooner through the Gov'r Hands—as I make no doubt he will have the particulars—I feel very anxious about Sister Lucy I hope you will be able to tell me that she is better by next Letter—I wish to tell you something about Dorchester but cannot, tho' Expect to be able to by the first of Feb'y I have inclosed you the Strength of Gen'l Spencers Brigade for your Curiosity—I venture to send it to my friends but should it get into the hands

of our Enemies it might be of great damage, by showing our Weakness just at this time you will see that it is not exposed

I conclude by subscribing myself your friendly Brother

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

P. S. A Paper came out of Boston last Friday Intended to have got it and inclosed it to you but P Fanning first got it & has inclosed it to brother Joshua

JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ
Norwich

Roxbury Camp Feb 22d 1776

Hon'd Sir

I rec'd your favour of ye 14th Instant, & (from) Brother, and Should have answer'd it before now, but Concluding an answer was not necessary, have defer'd it till now—When Mamma was at Camp, I told her that I wanted some money sent to me, but have never received any—I have this day borrowed of Mr Fanning Sixty dollars which I shall be glad to replace when Convenient—I have never rec'd any money since I have been in Camp, except the Small Pittance of wages, which was due to me for service to the 10th Dec'r—You desir'd in your last an exact return of Cap't Hanchits Comp'y—1 Cap't at Quebec, 1 enfr sick in Country, 1 Lt going Recruiting toMorrow,—Inlisted into the Comp'y with N Commif Off'rs & Soldiers 53 Men one of which has deserted—12 of the Comp'y sick and Judg'd unfit for duty by the Reg't Doctor We have the Promise from 2 Men that they will inlist in the morning—I was in hopes to have had some agreeable news about Boston or Dorchester to acquaint you with—but have not & an afraid as they seem to be adjourning from Week to Week that I shall not very soon—

It is not so healthy in Camp as we wish, but the sick seem rather recruiting, tho' many are unfit for duty by reason of Violent Colds—Brother Jed buried one of his Off'rs yesterday and another lies sick but hope he will soon recover—Nothing further but Subscribe myself Your dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ

Norwich

Fav'd of MR HYDE Camp at Roxbury March 4th '76
Hon'd Sir

This Night our Orders are to take Pofsefion of Dorchester Hill under the Command of Brig'r Gen'l Thomas—Two thousand men including proper Officers to Parade at 6 o'Clock Past Dorchester to be Relieved at 3 o'Clock to morrow morning by three thousand men including officers among which are the Col'o Maj Chester Maj Trumbull & Myself—we expect a warm Engagement at the same time think it uncertain as they must know that we shall go very strong & I hope strong enough to Repulse them should they dare to show their heads there—But the God of Battles along can determine who is able to save us—you will undoubtly hear before this reaches you some flying Report about our taken Pofsefion there—that you may think I am not unmindful about the danger I am going into I can tell you that my cloaths & Papers are properly secured in case that my maker should in his great good Pleasure so ordain that I should not live to Come off the Hill I must beg your Prayers for us in every Difficult time and Pray that we may succeed as we trust that we are fighting the Lords Battle—from Gen'l Spencers Brigade there are going this night 9 Cap'ts 27 Subalterns, 42 Serg'ts 42 Corp'l's 700 Rank & file—at 3 o'Clock to morrow morning 12 Cap'ts 36 Subalterns 57 Serg'ts 57 Corp'l's 863 Rank & file—I had like to have forgot to Acknowledge a Letter Rec'd the night before Brother went from this—the reason was because I was unwell but am better now

I have no news to write further but remain your ever Dutiful Son

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

Respects to Mamma Love to Brothers & Sisters

JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ

Norwich

Roxbury Camp 7th March 1776

Hon'd Parent

Dorchester Hills are at last taken Possession of by our People who went on in the Even'g following the 4th March in a Party of 2000 men including Proper Officers under the Command of Brigadier Gen'l Thomas who began two forts, one on each of the high hills, and two small Redoubts just as you Pass the neck which Redoubts were built to Play upon the floating Batteries that should attempt to annoy our People Passing the Neck This party was reliev'd at 3 o'Clock next morning by a larger Party of 3000 men Including Proper Officers —the Party was increas'd from 2 to 3000 in Expections of an Attack as soon as they should discover us—but we were unhappily mistaken—I say unhappily, because I believe it would have Put an End to the War in the N England Colonies, Had an Action taken Place—We went on so well Prepar'd that had they came out with a number suff't to withstand us, the town would have been in the hands of our great & brave Gen'l Putnam in a little time after they had come out—I wrote you the 4th March intended to have sent you by Mr Hyde but he has not taken it & I now send it by Post—I should Lengthen the letter but the Post is waiting—I am your Dutiful Son

EBEN HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON

Norwich

Camp at Roxbury March 21 '76

Hon'd Sir

Since we have taken Pofsefson of Dorchester Hill I have had the pleasure of receiving two letters from you the dates I have forgot and as the letters are both out of my Pocket you will excuse my acknowledging them otherways—

When Doctor Turner set out from this Place I was in Boston & could not write to you but desir'd him to inform you that I wanted a horse to be sent to me immediately as I then expected that the troops would march to N York very soon & that I should march with them—but since he went away, the Comp'y which I had the Care of has been fill'd up & the Captaincy given to Jed'h Hyde which has so much disoblig'd me & all my friends that this morning By good advise I shall wait on his Excellency to resign my Commifion unlefs something can be done to Satisfaction tho' at the same time I request a horse to be sent—

Last Sunday our troops marched in & took Pofsefson of the town of Boston after the Regulars had evacuated it which they did about four o'Clock sunday morning after Plundering everything they wanted without respect to Persons they were in so great fear of our following them as they quitted the Neck that they had filled up the streets in several Places with old Casks to stop our Progrefs and ran with great Haste & all the signs of fear Pofible to be shown—The town of Boston is not so much destroy'd as I expected tho' it is destroy'd more at the North & at the south End than any where Elfe—Mr Cutlers family are well I have din'd there breakfasted & drank—there in the afternoon—

Maj'r Chester & myself got Lodgings at Mr Rowes the first night we entere'd town & had an Offer of a bed there as long as we should Chuse to stay in town besides we had an Offer of a bed at two other Places at any time when Convenient for us.—

I Expect to be with you before the next week is out & Can give you the particulars of three days adventures in town but at Present shall only Subscribe myself your ever dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ

Norwich

by MR C B THOMAS

Camp at Roxbury March 24th 1776

Hon'd Sir

I wrote you by post since which have Rec'd a letter from you by Mr Wm Gale & a horse—When I wrote you by post I inform'd you I was that day going to Cambridge to resign my Commission—which I thought I should do but when I waited on his Excellency he seemed not a little Surprized that I should wait on him with such a request & Gave me a very severe Repri-mand After a long talk with the Gen'l he told me that If I could not think better by the time I should wait on him again he would give me a Dismis-sion—

Yesterday Brother Jed went to Cambridge & saw the Gen'l and talked upon the Subject but did not take a Dismission for me but Obtain'd Liberty of the Gen'l for himself & me to have a furlough as soon as the fleet should sail out of this Harbour whose motion I now await as soon as they sail, we shall set out for Norwich—I expect to take your further Directions about Resignation, tho' am determin'd for myself never to act as a Subaltern Officer again & Joel Hyde to have a Captaincy I am in all Refpects Your Dutiful Son

EBEN HUNTINGTON

To
THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq.
Norwich
Fav'd by CAPTAIN PERKINS

N York Camp June 23d 1776

Hon'd Sir

Your favour of the 11th Instant I have rec'd & several others since I left Norwich which I should have answ'red had I not told my mamma as I left home that I would not write a letter home untill I had the appointment to a Captaincy (unlefs in a Case of absolute Necesity) which is the only reason—

I have now the pleasure to inform you that there is discover'd the most Hellish & Diabolical Plott that ever hath been plann'd since the Powder Plott—that of destroying our Gen'l Officers & Magazines also the City under the guidance of the Infamous Villain Guyon, & we Suppose the Mayor of this City as this Mayor & about thirty others are Confin'd on Suspicion and Suspicion well founded—they had determined to Murder our Gen'l Officers, when a Signal should be given from the Afia, burn the City, blow up the Magazines and attempt to destroy the Army, for which Purpose they had bribed some of the Army that they might the more Easily effect the Purpose but kind heaven it seems tho' he Suffer'd them to lay a Plott has interfear'd in our behalf and Sav'd us from those designing Children of the Devil who Plotted our destruction The Gen'l deeply affected at such a plott has wisely and prudently doubled his Guard in and about the City and ordered patrolling partys to be Patrolling all Night Every Precaution which a wise and prudent Gen'l would take, our Worthy Commander has used—

The Company I now Command is the one that I was in before & Cap't Hyde gone into the Company that was Maj'r Wells—turn over—Your Expressions of Fear as to my keeping to much Company, I fear Arises from Information as I Conscientious of doing it formerly (viz on my first Arrival here—but since that have kept but very little—I was oblig'd to get Seventy two Dollars of Brother when he was here by reasons of being oblig'd to board out in the City & altho' at a Private house only my board was £ 13 15 Currency for about five Weeks beside I was necifsarly put to Considerable other Expence I am very sorry that our Afsembly did not see fit to Promote some of our Officers here in the Army, upon several Accounts; in the first Place, as I think they most deserve it, in the Next Place it is following the Example of Pensylvania, who promoted a number of their Officers, who were in the Rifle Battalion, at Cambridge and beside those very men who are now in the army, will have men Come from Connecticut higher in Comifion than them who could not have got an Enfigny last May is a year ago when some that are here had Captaincys but I can readily suppose they acted on good Principles—Maj'r Trumbull has rec'd the Appointment of Dep'y Adj't Gen'l that is Adg't Gen'l for the Northward and sets out tomorrow with Gen'l Gates for Quebeck or the Northern Army, & I believ has made a vacancy for my worthy Clafmate, Peck, Adj of Col'o Huntingtons Reg't or Elec, for Keyes, or Charles Whiting, but rather think that Peck will get it—

This from your dutiful Son

EBEN HUNTINGTON.

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Camp at N York 25th July 1776

Dear & Afflicted Brother

Your letter of last May which gave me the melancholy news of the death of my dear sister, your kind, and tender Partner, deeply affected me: lamenting your losf and the losf of all her friends, & Acquaintance, though was full in the belief, that she had Exchanged this wicked, & troublesome world, for a World of peace, and rest, with her blefsed Saviour above—I most heartily Sympathized with you, in the losf of so worthy, and dear a partner, but hope that God, who only Chaztizes for our good, will Support & Strenghtens you under so great an Affliction: & prepare you and every one of us, to receive what Chaztisments, he in his all-wife Government, shall see fit to Infict—

You will have heard before this, of the great Succesf our Arms have had to Carolina, under the Command of Gen'l Lee, who has done honour to all of his Profession —We have no news at this Place at this time material, tho' I cannot but hope that in a little time we shall be able to do Something, in this department, that shall be Agreeable: tho' at present it bids fair for a Campaign like the last Summers: Some of the Gallies have arrived from Connecticut, and some People Expect will take a trip up the North River, but I believe the Gen'l has not made his design known, though such a Surmife is Probable—The Connecticut Dragoons went home, (tho with Liberty) loaded with disgrace, & the Execrations of the Camp, & I believe the Gen'l's as they used their

utmost Efforts to persuade them to tarry but all to no
Effect—

This from Your friend & loving Brother—

(Capt) EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

P. S. I am Oblige to say for
myself that I have been to
negligent in not answering
your letter, but will en-
deavor that the blame shall
not lye at my door again.

EB H

Camp at N York 10th August 1776

Dear Brother

Yesterday I wrote you a long letter & going into the City last Evening to Col Chesters, I lost it in which I Endeavour to Clear my Character for not Writing oftener but it seems I was not permitted to send it I could wish that I had not lost it, as I think that I should have fully Satisfied you, but never mind that says you, if it is material, give the reasons over again, & so I will part of them. Well then A regiment of Officers to Quarrel with who were Continually exerting themselves, to Injure me, & my Character. Can you believe that they went to every Reg't on the Ground which is a fact I say and enquired the number of Officers from Norwich, then Petitioned to the Gen'l setting forth the Number in 2d Petition and most Scandalously abusing my Character, to prevent my Getting a Captaincy but the Gen'l that Justice might be done desired Gen'l Green & Lord Sterling to decide the dispute before which Gentlemen Mr. Champion, & myself, set forth our Pretensions but the Regiment hearing that the matter was like to be in my favour drew up another Petition and Presented to the Gentlemen Arbitrators (as soon as we had given our pretensions) unbeknown to me, with every injurious & Malicious insinuations against me, that they had ingenuity to invent, setting forth that unless the Captaincy was given to Mr. Champion all the Officers in the Reg't would resign their Commissions, which had the Effect I could wish, for the Gentlemen seeing how they interested themselves, took no notice of it tho' I had wrote an answer as soon as I found out they had Petitioned but it was too late as they had determined in my favor about as soon as they used the Regimental Petition. After the dispute was settled I was

to receive my Commission But Gen'l Washington being obliged to go to Philadelphia I did not receive it till June, all which time I had very little peace from the Officers; so little that I did not pretend to Walk out, without Sword & Pistols (& well Loaded) as I expected to be insulted which had it been the Case, I should have done that which might have given my friends uneasiness, for I was almost as a desperado but matters are now easy, and I believe I am in a fair way to live unmolested.

Night before last about 1 o'clock all the Regiments in the Lines were ordered out under Arms to receive orders to lye on their Arms, as the Ships of War in the Edge of the Evening had all hauled without the Transports and they (the Transports) had orders to be Clean ready to receive the troops on board who are on Staten Island. We Expect an Attack Every high Water and have the Strictest orders both Officers & Soldiers not to be absent from Camp without Leave from the Col'— I am after giving love & Compliments to friends & Acquaintances, Your Friendly Brother

EBEN HUNTINGTON

Camp at N York 23d August '76

Hon'd Sir

In a great hurry I inform you that Yesterday a Large number of the Enemy landed at Long Island which occasioned Orders to move for part of the Strength at this Place. Several Reg'ts passed over the ferry Yesterday. Col' Chester, & Wyllys are now moving across to Wait for orders, on the Long Island Side.

I can say I am well and in Good Spirits

I am Your dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

Love & Comp'le to Mamma & Friends.

Camp at N York 31st August '76

Dear & Hon'd Sir

I would mention the date of your last favor but it is out of my Power as the letter is not in my pocket & I am in some haste—that there has been an Action you must have heard & many different reports of the same. As to particulars I cannot give you but mention to you that Col' Huntingtons Reg't has suffered the losf of a Lt Col'—6 Capts V—Sub' V—men—Maj' Wells of Col' Wylls Reg't mifsing Capt Hyde Wounded not dangerous & 7 Men Mifsing 4 or 5 Wounded I have hastily made a Sketch of the Works &c on L Island and thinking it might be Satisfactory to a Person entirely ignorant of the Ground I have enclosed it. A great part of which is from Information some from knowledge but I believe generally as authentick, as could be expected.

I am dear Parent your dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

P. S. Gen'l Sullivan & Lord Sterling Prisoners, Gen'l Sullivan has been to N York on Parole & Returned

THE HON'BLE JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ

Att.

Norwich;

New York Sept 7th 1776

Hon'd Sir

Yours of the 3d Per Mr Carpenter is Come to hand
Cap't Ingraham arriv'd att Norwalk Saturday Last &
Has D'd his Cargo, by order of the Commifary & Q M
Gen'l: as to the State of our army, itt is very Difficult
to know, by the Best Aut's I can gett, Were Lost Ab't
600 Men in the Engagement att Long Island, Most of
Which is taken Prisoners Maj'r Bruse who Came to
Gov'r Island as a Flag, Says the Enemy Left

Above 500 Men, out of Which we have ab't 20
Prisoners, our army are now Encamped from the City
to Kings Bridge, & the Enemy Encamped ag't Us on
Long Island, we Expect an attack Soon I hope & Trust
under the Smiles of Heaven we Shall Be able to Defeat
our Cruel & unnatural Enemys

Am very glad to hear that L't Dewett has filled up
My Company as I was Determined to have my Com-
pany full if Pofsible. I have had no Chance to See
Col' Trumbull Since I wrote you by Ingraham as he is
moved his Quarters Nigh Kings Bridge and I have had
no Time to See him ab't the Pork you sent him, Brother
Chestor Eben. & myself enjoy a Good State of Health,
please to Give Duty & Love as is due from your Dutiful
& Affectionate Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

Camp at N York 5th Sept 1776

Hon'd Sir

Three days since I wrote for you and not knowing any immediate Conveyance I forwarded it to Kingsbridge desiring it might be forwarded by the first Opportunity. This will be forwarded as far as Colchester by Mr. Norton who rides (as Camp Post) from this Place. I believe it may be relied on that those who are missing from Col' Huntington's Reg't 1 Lt Col' 6 Cap'ts 6 L'ts 6 Enfn 1 Adj't—21 Serg'ts & 100 Rank & file 2 Drums & fifes & the Lt Col'; Cap't Brewster & Capt Fitch Bissell we have intelligence from who are Prisoners & Maj. Wells of Col' Wyllys's Reg't Col' Clark & Maj Wells have lost their flag—Everything is at this time in a Critical situation but we hope we are able to maintain our Present Post. On the Evening following the 2d Instant at 11 o'clock a Ship of War went up the East River & came to an Anchor against Turtle Bay where we had about 33 hundred Bls flour Stored. Our people removed all the flour that Night and Next Morning paid her a handsome Salute from two twelve Pounders which were drawn down to the Edge of the River about Day Break. They Hull'd her thirteen times which was so disagreeable to her that she slipped her Cable and Pushed up behind Blackwells Island (an Island which extends from Hellgate toward N York about three Miles) Just as she came to anchor our People had the Good Fortune to have an Eight Inch Hoist through her Side which burnt in her Hole—Tho her Hull was Secured from the Shott from our Cannon Her Riggin & Yard was not & this Morning finding that She Could not lye safe at her Station has fell down toward N York about a Mile, against a Spot of Marshy land in hopes we would not molest her, but

I am in hopes we shall be able to do it. Maj.' Crane of the Artillery is endeavoring to get some Artillery placed so as to reach her. Doc't Turner arrived here Yesterday & Doc't Lee. Our friends are as well as usual Poor Militia! they desert, Numbers of them, being very uneasy, their reasons no doubt you will have, as we are in hopes they will go unasked and unpushed —We hear that Gen'l Lee is on his March and is to be at Elizabethtown this Night (but not from Head Quarters) Col' Sam'l B. Webb Ad Con to his Excellency is unwell as to obliged to Ride into the Country.

I am in Health Dear Parent Your
Dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON.

P. S. Since I wrote the above
I have got the other letter I
wrote you 3 days ago and
now enclose it.

HON JABAZ HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Camp at N York 8th Sept 1776

Dear Hon'ble Parent

Your fav'r of Sept 1st by Mr Carpenter I rec'd Yesterday, am Glad to hear that the family are in general, well—I wrote you the 5th Instant of the way of Colchester hope you will soon receive it and be able to Judge a little about the Ground our People were Oblig'd to leave when they left Flatbush Two letters that were sent to Brother Jed'H—I have inclosed that he might get them—Since Brother left this place Maj'r Humphreys has resign'd and return'd home Cap't Heldridge appointed to do the duty of a Maj'r in Col' Wyllys's Reg't—in the room of Maj'r now a Prisoner—Col'o Silliman, Douglafs, Chester, Serg't & Glover are appointed Commandants of Brigades—(almost Brig'r Gen'l's)

I am dear Sir Your dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

To
ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Camp at N York 12th Sept 1776

Dear Brother

I rec'd your Fav'r of the 28th of August, am sorry to tell you, that Instead of Giving your Compliments to Fanning, he is amongt the unfortunate that Fell, or was taken on Long Island, but rather think that is a Prisoner—You will be anxious to know the Fate of your friend at all times, and when that I can give you, an Authentick account, I shall be very glad to Gratify you—The Enemy are Continually Erecting Batteries on Long Island they have Open'd two against ours at Hell Gate within three days and have hove numbers of Shells into it, but the Ground is Soft, so that the Shells they heave, Sink low into the Ground, and when they burst, fly up into the Air, without much spreading, and do very little, or no damage they have killed but one man, at the Place, and him a Poor Sick Man, that the Doctors despair'd of

I am dear Brother your Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

JB HUNTINGTON Esq

Norwich

Camp at Westchester 6th Oct'o 1776

Hon'd & Dear Sir

Several of yours have come to hand since which I have not wrote before this the date of my last I am not able to mention—One of Yours by Cap't Perkins—one by Erastus & one by Mr John Leffingwell

I have Rec'd the others (if any have come) I do not recollect—The Resolves of Congrefs relation to raising of 88 battalions, you have undoubtedly paid attention to, before this time—As the matter is to be under the direction of the Afsembly, I hope they will be inform'd as to the Characters of some Particular Officers—Among the Officers, that will be Provided for, I hope that Robert Warner 1st L't Elias Stillwell 2d Lieut, Jon' Heart 2d Lieut Sam'l Richard Ensign, & Thomas Hender Ensign, will meet with good Suceefs several others of my Acquaintances in the Army I might with Propriety mention, but as it would make the matter tedious, I would not do it (I hope) Should I have the Offer of a Captaincy (& nothing better) that I might have the Good Luck to have, Warner, Stillwell or Heart & Ensign Richards in my Company—

I have wrote a line to Esq Benj Huntington & enclosed it unseal'd hope you will deliver it if it meets with your Approbation—I am dear & Hon'd Sir your Dutiful Son

EBEN HUNTINGTON

To
MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich
by COL'O TRUMBULL
Camp at Westchester 11th October 1776
Dear Brother

Whether it is through your Negilence, or mine, that so few Letters Pafs between us I will not say but this, I can say, that If it is mine, it has happen'd by reason of duty, in paying attention to the Reg't as you will readily Imagine—there being not but Nine Officers of my Rank, in the Whole Brigade to do duty—Eleven days of the Nineteen last part I have been on guard—& not a Letter of your for a Comforter I hope that you will be so good as to write by Every Opportunity & I can Afsure you I will Endeavour, that no Opportunity shall Escape me—The Phoenix, & two other Ships of War have Pafsed our Chevaux de Frize and gone up the North River, & have taken two of our Row Gallies; Perkins in the Crane, & Baker in the Indepence, are the Gallies that have fell into their hands besides some small Craft—the Ships with their Prizes, now lie against Tarry Town, in Tappon Bay about 10 Miles above Kingsbridge Two Ships yesterday Came to Anchor in Harlem River, nigh the Ship, that has been there some time since—When the Ships went up the River on Wednesday there was as Brisk Firing of Cannons as need be but never a Man hurt as I have yet heard of

I am dear Sir Your Friendly Brother

EB HUNTINGTON

P. S. Gen'l Miflin is again
appointed Q M Gen'l of
Col'o Moylom Reg't

To
JABEZ HUNTINGTON
Norwich
by Exprefs

Peeks Kill 1st Nov'r 1776

Dear Father

As the Gen'l has this day order'd an Exprefs to the Gov. I thought it my duty to inform you that I am well as to acknowledging the receipt of your favours, it is not in my Power for I do not receive any—two days ago, I forwarded some letters from Col'o Huntington to Col'o Trumbull to be forwarded, hope you will receive them by the time this reaches you—

Gen'l Lee & Sullivan, with their Divifion are this day Crofing the Ferry nigh this Place going to the Jersies—Col'o Chester is with them & very well—Brother Joshua was well Yesterday—About twenty Reg'ts from the Northward who were dismifed were returning and hearing our Situation in the Jersies, were by Order of Gen'l Gates Embodied, & are marching to Join Gen'l Washington: by this time we have reason to believe, are Join'd: Gen'l Gates & Arnold at their head—Roger who Command the Rangers in the british Service is Disgraced—A flag which went in two days ago to the Enemy were (by being oblig'd to wait an anfwer) Spectators of a Scene which is pleasing—The Persons who went in with the flag, were sitting in Company with a Col'o McDonald & some other Officers & in comes Rogers, with his hatt on, says, how do you do Gentlemen (meaning our flag of truce) but no reply was made, except by Col'o McDonald, who says, you Dam'd Rafeal, why do you Presume to wear your hatt, among Gentlemen—if you are not out of the house immedately I will kick you out, accordingly he went out, Col'o

McDonald follow'd him & not shutting the door after them. Col'o McDonald was heard to say, that you are an Insolent Rascal & if you ever come into Gentlemens Company again, Where I am I will cane you as long as I can feel You—Rogers Reg't is taken from him & given to another Officer—I am dear Sir Your

Dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Camp at Peeks Kill 16th Nov 1776

Dear Brother

I would acknowledge the Receipt of your last letter did I not think that I had wrote several since as I do not tax myself of Negilence, & my Memory can scarce recollect when I had the Pleasure of reading a letter from a Brother—A Letter from Father I rec'd this day mentioning that a Number of the Family was gone to be Innoculated, hope you will write me very soon & be able to Mention the return of them, & that they are perfectly recover'd from that Disorder—Undoubtly you have heard of my Promotion, but should you have not Father can inform you the present birth I now hold

News we have none at this place, but undoubtly Gen'l Parsons will give you some that he shall get at White Plains, as he intended to go that way

I am dear sir your Friendly Brother

EB HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON ESQ

Norwich

Peeks Kill 25th Nov'r 1776

Hon'd Sir

This Comes by Mr Grover, who can better tell you News from this Post than myself—The Anxiety I am in for raising of a new Army is not small but to parents I think I have an undoubted right to write freely the present appearance is very Gloomy, the British troops making head whereever they attempt, our people instead of behaving like brave men, behave like Rascalls & to add to that, it seems that the British troops had gone into the Jersies, only to receive the Submision of the whole Country, People Join them almost in Captains Companies to take the oath of allegiance—beside those of the Militia Who have been sent for our Afsistance, leave us the minute their times are out & would not stay tho' their enternal Salvation was to be forfeited it they went home: The Perfuation of a Cisero would not any more Effect their tarry; than the Niagara falls would the Kindling of a Fire, beside, the slow Progresf of a new army, seems as though the few that Remain till the first of January, are to fall a Saerafice to the British Savages—Dear Father, no Man unlefs on the spott can have a tolerable Idea of it—Our Stores lost without an Exchange of a Shott—A Hell itself could not furnish worse beings than Subsist in the world where our army are now posted—I am Dear Sir in Great Fear for our Political Salvation while I subscribe myself your Dutiful Son

EBEN HUNTINGTON

To
JABEZ HUNTINGTON
Norwich
by JED'H HYDE

Peeks Kill 3d December 1776

Dear Father

Yesterday I wrote you by Express which was going to the Goverour—since which nothing material has turn'd up—The Divisions under the Command of Gen'l Lee & Sullivan, which were at this place when I wrote you before, have not Entirely passed the Ferry—Chester Passed Yesterday—Mr Carpenter is now at this place hav'n left Col'o Huntington Yesterday

at his Station, he was hearty & well—The slow progres of inlisting men, makes me feel Anxious for the 1st of January, for as Experience teaches me that troops will not tarry after the time of Inlistment expired, tho' death Stares them in the Face returning to their homes—I am Informed that Maj'r Wells who was taken prisoner at Long Island came Yesterday to Gen'l Spencer Quarters at White Plains on Parole what news to bring out do not Learn—I am Dear Sir Your Dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON

Norwich

To the Care of Cap't JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Peeks Kill
or Norwich. Crom point

Paramus 19th Dec 1776

Hon'd Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that last sunday
We had the Satisfaction of Marching into Hackinsack,
in which Place we found many Arms &C & warlike
stores also Rum, Sugar, & a Great plenty of Wine—
about 60 disaffected persons were taken up in a few
hours, but the Gen'l finding so great a number of those
People that it would take all his division to guard them
we took about 8 Prisoners of War in and about that
Place

The Brave Gen'l Lee was made Prisoner about Six
days since by a Party of the Enemies Light Horse (on
his march to Join Gen'l Washington) about 7 Miles in
the Rear of his Division—There has been several
Skirmishes If we may believe Reports between some
Militia Reg'ts & the Regulars one Skirmish Certain
not very unfavorable to the Militia The Militia took
a large drove of Cattle & Sheep from the Regulars—
317 Sheep & the Rest were Cattle they had Collected
for the use of their Army—Last Night we had intelli-
gence that the Enemy were marching to Hackinsack
from New York & had got to a bridge within about 5
miles of Hackinsack, called Aquaconack Bridge, We
have no reason to doubt the truth of it, & without doubt
I may be able in my next to give you some account of
an Action between the Division of Gen'l Heath & their
party under Col'o Leslie

I had like to have forgot to acknowledge the Receipt
of two of your fav'r of the 8th & 11th instant, am very

sorry that you could not have fav'd me with news that the Enemy had landed at Newport & that they were dislodged by the Militia—Our troops or rather the troops under Gen Heath have this day been Reinforced by about 1200 Militia under the Command of Gen'l George Clinton one of the best of Men—Gen'l Washingtons Army lye on the other side of the Delaware but his head Quarters 12 Miles beyond at Bristol—Do not let the Matter about Gen'l Lee be mentioned as from me unlefs you have heard it some other way as it will rather discourage the country than otherwise—

Col'o Huntington is well at this Place where we live happy, Good living & in the best country in the World—Tell Mamma that I have two Pounds of Good green tea which I will send her by first opportunity—Compliments to all friends while I Subscribe myself your Dutiful Son

EB HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Norwich

by MR CARPENTER

Peeks Kill 5th Jan'y 1777

Dear Brother

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that on the first Instant, Gen'l Putnam took a large quantity of Provision, Baggage &C & Burlington on the third Instant Gen'l Washington marched through Princeton from Trenton toward Rocky hill at which place he came up with the Rear of the Enemys Army, who were very advantagously Posted on which Action ensued which lasted about 40 Minuets when they were entirely routed, with loss of between fifty & Sixty killed, upward of a hundred taken Prisoners with Six Brafs field Pieces, & a large quantity of Baggage—our loss is only Six killed Col'o Sergeant brings the Intelligence which may be relied on—The Enemy are Pounded & Harrested & I think that by the latter end of his week I may inform you that they are drove to the Extremity if not entirely from the state of N Jersey, our army in great good Spirits & the Enemy retreating before them the bigger part of which have agree'd to tarry Six weeks longer the Enemy retreating in a great Precipatition

All plunder & Stores taken from the Enemy are to be divided among the captors

I am dear Brother Your Aff'y

EB HUNTINGTON

Weth'd April 27th 1777

Sir

Yours of the 20th & 25th instant have come safe to hand, the latter by Anderson & Meloney—you make mention in your letter of the 20th that Burroughs Could not get a discharge from Cap't Coit—I think that objections must soon be taken off, as Cap't Coit is dismissed & can not expect to detain any men—You will send in your next a Return of all the Men inlisted on one Piece of Paper, as sending the Returns one by one as you inlist them, they are more liable to be lost—I am not Certain whether Powell & Clark have arriv'd or not but will inform you soon from your Humble Servant

EB'R HUNTINGTON

This is anfwer'd by me by Col'o Webbs orders

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Merchant

Norwich

Wethersfield 27th April 1777

Dear Brother

Col'o Huntington informs me that the Present week is the time fixed on for you to be married—I am sorry to inform you that the Prospect of my being with you at that time is small by reason of my Col'o being absent & of Course much businels is on my hands which requires attention to—yet not despairing of my paying one Nights Visit at Norwich this Week—Should I be disappointed of seeing a Brother (whose affections I ever had the good fortune to share) engage under the Saered Bond of marriage it will not in the least diminish my Affections for him or his dear Partner, but tho' absent & not the Pleasure but a small acquaintance with the Person engaged to, yet that small acquaintance very agreeable, I shall wish them to enjoy every Happinefs this world affords—I wish she may prove a kind & affectionate Mother to the tender Offspring of a former & most agreeable Parent (of which I do nor will not, entertain the least doubt) & a Partner to you whom you will ever love, & in whose Company you will ever be happy—had you never known the happinefs of a Married State I as a Brother might have said many things to you, which now would be very improper—

Was I not engaged in the Military line a few weeks would let me know the happinefs attending the Married state, which I doubt not is great as I think the Satisfaction of unbosoming oneself to a Partner who could & would share the Good & ill Fortunes attending us in this world is far beyond what a Single Life affords or can do after wishing Miss Phelps & Yourself Happinefs I subscribe myself your Friendly Brother

EB HUNTINGTON

Copy of a Letter to GOV'R TRUMBULL May 2d 1777
Norwich May 2d 1777

Hon'd Sir

Your letter by Capt Perkins Came to Hand last Night, have Given Orders to Lieut. Col'o Abbott Accordingly and Shall observe the other directions in the Letter Relative to Guards &C—

Am very sorry Cap't Roberts has not give his anfwer to your Honour—as the Sailing of the Ship will be delayed if that Department is not soon filled—I have desired Mr Lester who is going to Hartford this day to wait on your Honour for a letter to Cap't Roberts, which Could wish might be to let Cap't Roberts know if he does not send his anfwer of acceptance this week & repair on Board, to daly that, it will be filled with an other Person—this moment yours by Mr Buckingham to Hand Relative to Cloathing for him & Necombe as to the Continental Cloathing in the Hands of the Pay Master of Col'o Huntingtons Reg't He informs me he has but Just the Compliment of Coats for the Regiment & expects the Regiment will be fill with those that enter for three years or for the war—Several Companies are already full or very near so and a Good prospect of Having the Regim't full—as to the Colony Cloathing in my son And'rws Hands, Could not send the State of it he being absent but think he has sent it all on to Danbury—Trust their is a Quantity at Windham in Doct'r Elderkins Hands if your Honour thinks best to Cloath Militia Men—

Remain with Great Esteem & Regard—

Your Honour'd Hum'b Serv't

JB HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Sept 9d Fav'r by your Friend J. WEBB

Peeks Kill Thunder Hill 2d Sept 1777

Dear Brother

An unexpected favor came to hand a few days since, by which it appears that you had wrote me before, (since I left Norwich) but if that is the Case I have not been fortunate enough to be favored with a Sight of a line—I had well nigh Concluded that you had entirely forgot me for not a line have I rec'd since I left you except one from Billy but now & then a line from father, which is generally short & dated Lebanon or Hartford I have determined that you should not have a line from me till you should think of me & that I would find out by a line from some one of you, who have but little or nothing else to do but to give me the News with you, & the Domestick chit Chatt, which I would wish to enjoy with you. as to News I dont know what will be new to you, but I can tell you this that the Enemy have advanced on the West Side of Chespeak Bay to within four Miles of the Head of a River called the Elk—That Gen'l Washingtons Army was within about 25 Miles of them—that the Gen'l himself had gone with the Regiments of those to reconoiter this situation & that the troops would take Post the next day to oppose them this comes by a letter from Gen'l Miflin (the date I forgot) who says he is afraid that they will not leave the Sea shore meaning the Enemy that our people had nigh twenty thousand Militia, on their March to Join his Excellency which I think a daunt little body to

Curb two thousand British troops—they had landed no more than that number

Give my love to Sister Hannah your Partner & to the other Sisters and Brothers & believe me your Affectionate Brother

EB HUNTINGTON

MR AND HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich

Fish Kills 3d November 1777

Dear Brother

Whether I am in Debt to you by the way of Scribbling or not, is unbeknown to me, but let that be as it may, a few lines you shall have, If I am in Debt this will pay it, if not it will at least remind you of a Brother—We have had such Continual movements and has Prevented my paying so much attention to my friends as I would wish—I rec'd a letter from Gen'l Huntington dated the 17th of last Month, in which he informs me that the Inhabitants of Philadelphia are in want of Provissons that flour is ten Dollar the Hundred and scarce any to be got at that Price—I have wrote to Father & Given him the Particulars of the Actions at the Cheraux de prize—We are this minute marching for White Plains to Join the Brigade, will write you from that place—

Your Affectionate Brother

EBEN HUNTINGTON

To
ANDREW HUNTINGTON Esq
Norwich

fav'd MAJ BIGELOW

Kings Street 9th November 1777

Dear Brother

I wrote you the 2d of this Month from Fish Kills, I would have acknowledged the Rec't of your last, did I not believe I had done it 3 Weeks ago—It would be Conferring a great Favour on me if you would as often as once a Week give me the Domestick News, & not neglect me because you dont receive my letter, you shall not have reason to blame me for Neglect, for I assure you I will write (as I ever have done) by every Opportunity If time can be got—in one of my former letters, I beg'd the favour of you to desire Col'o Abbot to make me a Pair of Elegant Leather Breeches, (White) & dont recollect you have ever acknowledged the Receipt of the same, I wish that the Breeches might be Provided, let the price be what it will, it matters not—I wish to hear what becomes of the Privateer whether you have heard from her, since she left Boston as you in your last favour inform'd me, that she was Repair'd and would soon leave Boston for a Cruise—Hath any Prize ever arriv'd that she hath taken? What is the Value? Should there arrive any Articles in any of the Prizes, which we want in the Army, wish you to procure them for the use of this Regiment—Although I expect to leave this Regiment & the Army, before the Opening of Another years Campaign still I have a desire to procure every article which the Reg't may stand in Need of—I wish you to present my love to Sister M,

and the rest of the Good People—whom I am determined to pay a Visit to in the Course of the Winter

I am dear Brother Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

Deserters say that the Inhabitants in N York are putting their Effects on board Ship (very uncertain) Rivington has publish'd Burgonyne's Capitulation at Large & not a Comment on them—his Paper Acknowledged the Destruction of two Ships at the Cheraux de prize one a 64 the other I forgot

Since friend Leonard hath been at the Northward, he hath fought a Duel, no person hurt on either side—

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQ
Norwich
Connecticut

Norwalk 4th Dec'r 1777

Dear Brother

Your favour of Nov'r 6th came safe to hand, in it you say it is a long time since you Received any letter from me I wrote you Nov'r 2d from Fish Kills, Nov'r 9th from Kingstreet, both which were wrote & sent before I rec'd yours of Nov'r 6th I rec'd a letter from you last Oct'o when I was at Esopus, which was the last that came to hand, except the one I have now acknowledged This is the fourth I have sent since I rec'd yours at Esopus—

From the Date of this you will Perceive that I am now at this Place *Called Norwalk* the Reg't will be here this Day and part of Col'o Meiggs, you shall hear from us again soon & I hope that I may be able to give you some good News—In the little Diversion we made down toward Kingsbridge the other day, we did not do anything worth mentioning—A few Nights since a Party of Col'o Meiggs Reg't went into West Chester, took Col'o Delancey One Cap't & one Sub' the Cap't made his Escape, it being very dark—The Next time I write you, I will give you a long & Circumstantial letter, but will Conclude this with love to all friends, while I subscribe myself Affectionately Yours

EB HUNTINGTON

MAJOR JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

Norwich

by MR JOHN POST

Guilford 11th Dec Thursday 1777

Dear Sir

I have this day arriv'd at this Place from Norwalk by Water. & Expect to leave this Place this Night for the East End of Long Island

Col'o Webb Landed at Setauket Night before last Col'o Meiggs with another Party about twenty Miles Westward, we have heard nothing from as yet—Should the Wind fail us this Night we Shall be delayed another day—I have but to say that I am well & hope to cut Pumpkins with you next Thursday

I am your Affectionate Brother

EB HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich
fav'd by MR PELEG HYDE

N London 16th Dec'r 1777

Dear Brother

By Major Buell of Col'o Elys Reg't who came from the Island in Mr Mumfords Sloop am informed that Gen Parsons with the troops, now with him expect to be here tomorrow—Since I left the Gen'l he has sent a Party under Command of Capt Hart to Setauket, to see what became of the Transports that Carried the troops over, & to Secure a number of unfriendly Persons, & some English Goods, which I doubt not they will Effect After they had left the Gen'l they sent back an Exprefs informing that they had Secured some unfriendly Persons among the rest a Mr Hudson & a Mr Wyckham & a small quantity of English Goods belonging to Mr Hudson—Mr Mumfords Sloop which got in here this Morning brought Major Buell & about a hundred of Col' Elys Reg' and a Div' of Col' Webbs with Six Prisoners Gen Parsons has taken a Sloop half laden with timber in Southhold Bay which I doubt not he will send here

I am Affectionately yours

EBEN HUNTINGTON

(ANDREW HUNTINGTON Esq)

Norwich

Wethersfield 18th March 1778

Dear Brother-

Should there be any Sergeants Coat among the
british Clothing in Fathers Store I wish you to send the
Largest to me & Charge it—I had rather have a Grena-
dier or Battalion Coat than an Infantry one

My love to Sister &C

Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

P. S. A bad sore on my fore
finger of my right hand pre-
vents my writing better, I
wish you a happy day

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQ.

West Point 3d June 1778

Dear Brother

With freedom & Pleasure I acknowledge the favor from you by Gen'l Huntington, I should have done myself the pleasure of writing you before this Had I done as I ought, and as at the time my Inclination led me to, but not when opportunity presented.

You will expect news from me, from the situation in which I am in, but let me tell you my dear Brother we have none—Not a word from the Southern Army, have we had this long time,—& this Post doth not afford any news and let me add, it Cannot give a Pleasant Prospect nor afford anything agreeable to sustain Life—

Make my friendly love to the Good Sister with you and to the others, an also my Respects to the people at the Mansion House & believe me Your Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON.

GEN JAB HUNTINGTON ESQ.

York Town 5th June 1778

Sir

As I have no Important Intelligence to Communicate more than is contained in my Letter to the Governour, & what you will otherways obtain, I do my self the pleasure to give you the following Aneecdote

It seems a Cowardly Tory of large Landes Estate in York County has fled to the enemy in Philadelphia the winter past, & when he discovered the movements of the enemy shipping their stores baggage &C of late: Indicating their departure, he applied to their General to know what He Should do, the General replied he was busy & sent him to an under Officer. The Tory with anxiety asked the Officer what he should do as he perceived they were going away, the officer told him He must do as they did when in difficulty make the best Shift he Could, The Tory still disfatisfied told him all this was come upon him for being loyal & faithful to the King & queried what shall I do, I expected protection, The officer replied go seek a pafnage on board some Vefsel. The Tory with vehement Anxiety queried but what the Devil Shall I do with my Eftate. The Officer replied, Damn you why did you not Stay at home & fight to defend it with your Country & so dismifs'd his applicant—

Thus the story goes; Said to be reported by one who heard the Conversation, but I forbear to mention the Tories name at present

I am Sir with Esteem

Your humble Servant

SAM'L HUNTINGTON

THOMAS MUMFORD Esq
New London
fav'd of Lieut Beers

Fort Arnold 12th June 1778

Dear Sir

I have desir'd Mr Beers to Call on you for the 178 pr Shoes & 148 prs Stockings you encouraged me you would favour the Reg't with to Compleat the Number to 298 prs of Each—The Money shall be sent you soon for the same—I shall forward the Money to Col'o Chester & beg him to forward it to you—As to News we have none—My best wishes attend your family

Believe me you's Sincerely

EBEN HUNTINGTON

THO' MUMFORD ESQ

Camp Warren 21st Sept. 1778

My Dear Brother

Your favor of the 12th Instant was handed me this day, indorsed on the back as forwarded by two Dif't Gentlemen one at Pomfrett, & the other a Capt Wallace at Providence, by which you may Judge, how direct Letters Come to me—this is the first I have Rec'd from you, notwithstanding that, had it been in my power to have wrote you, I would have done it with the utmost pleasure. As to the particulars on the Island, I was (for want of time when opportunity Offered) Obliged to Refer my Father, to a letter of Col' Trumbulls to the Governour, without giving him any of the particulars, which I could have wished to have done—As to the Bills you gave me against Mr. Whittlesey, I have Collected them & will enclose you the Money the first opportunity—I am very glad to hear so much Credit given the Militia for the Redinefs they show to prevent the Landing of the Enemy at N London (or rather I am *happy* to think they deserve it) I have heard that Father took his Head Quarters at Mr. Shaws. It would have Afforded me much Satisfaction to have been in his family, on such an Occasion—I am very happy to hear that the Reports which have been Circulated, of the Actions of the 29th of last Month, have been to the Advantage of the Reg't but it affords me equal pleasure, to hear that my Conduct on that Day was as Satisfactory to my friends. I Cannot but Blend the Credit of the Reg't, & my own, if any due me together, as the the Command of the Reg't during & Just before

the Action, Devolved on me, (with two field Pieces of Artillery, & about forty men of Col' Jacksons Reg't who had been detached in the early part of the day, as covering party to them) as Col' Livingston had left the Reg't and rode over to the left to see how the Actions went on & in his Absents, received a slight Wound, by which Means he did not join the Reg't till the Actions was over which lasted very heavy about Nine Minute, at about fifteen Rods Distance; the rest of the time was rather Long Shott, than Otherwise—It was rather Trying to the troops, who were not Engaged as they showed themselves desirous of a share in the Glory, & would have done honour to themselves had they had an Opportunity—The troops universally behav'd well, as far as I could make my Observations—

As to Burning Bedford, it appears to me one of the most Wanton Acts of Cruelty, they have been Guilty of, as they met with not the least opposition—Tho' they are Capable of doing any thing, that the Devil Can Suggest—It is my wish, that should the fortune of War, heave that Rafeal, Gray, into our hands, that he should be burnt alive, in a Manner, agreeable to the Indian Custom—I wish you would give me a little Account of Leonardus, as I hear his Movements have been rather Eccentric, than Otherwise—Domestick New, if any at all, as it affords me much Pleasure to hear any thing in the Domestick way I expect to set out for Boston to Morrow, or Next Day, to Obtain Cloathing for the Reg't, if so, I shall be absent about Six Days—a disagreeable Piece of Businefs, as I must necefsarily Expend much Money in doing the Businefs for the Reg't which will be lost, besides the trouble of following the Clothiers, whom I look upon to have been one of the Greatest Set of Rascals, the Publick have paid, tho' I flatter myself, they are now much better, since Congrefs

have discharged the Head (*M Meap*) whom I look upon as a great Rascal—I have lengthened my letter to such a Degree that you will be Impatient, tho' I should have gone further, had not business intervened to prevent it—

Give my Respects to the Good General & his Lady an Affectionate Remembrance to the Circle & believe me

Your truly Affectionate Brother

EB. HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON Esq

ANDREW HUNTINGTON Esq

Commissary

Norwich

Camp Warren 21st Sept. 1778

Sir

Please to send to the Care of Cap't Asa Waterman
One Box Soap for the Use of Col'o Sam'l B. Webbs
Reg't & Charge it to them & Oblige Yours—

EB HUNTINGTON Maj'r Com'dr

JA HUNTINGTON

Quarters Warren 21st Dec 1778

Hon'd Sir

For what reason I have so long Neglected to write you I know not—I now think it high time, & to inform you that we (the Connecticut Officers at this Post) wait most Anxiously to know, what you will do, in your next SefSION—For your Conduct in some measure, will Regulate ours—if you do anything Spiritedly, we may Remain in Service, but if you do not I believe the Greater part of Col' Webbs Reg' will resign, & I dont know but two thirds of them

The People from Connecticut when at this Post tell us, the Army must be made good, & the country are all of that Opinion—& yet do nothing—If you mean to do any thing, do it soon, Convince us you have not forgot us, which we have some reason to believe

Almost two years have Pafsed, where we have been buoyed up with Promises at Loose Ends by the people in General if you intend to feed us any Longer with Promises, you must at Least, have some formality in Pafsing them—Procrastination is Dangerous, & more so at this time than Usual, we doubt the Willingnēs of our Countrymen, to Afsist us. You cannot blame us. Our money gone, our friends few, or none who will lend money, Indeed we think hard that our Wages are not made at least so good as to Support us, the bare Idea of Fifty Dollars per Month is nothing & my Wages is not more, it will Scarcey support me a Week, in addition to the Ration I draw—Notwithstanding the Money is so much Depreciated almost every one is lending a helping hand while the Loſs falls almost

Entirely on the Army, who serve at fixt Wages, & who ought not to suffer in the Least by the Depreciation of the Currency—you Resolved in your Last Session, that the Soldiers family should be Supplied, whether they sent Money or not, but it is not done, nor will it be done—Not a Day Passest my head, but some Soldier with Tears in his Eyes, hands me a letter to read from his Wife Painting forth the Distresses of his Family in such strains as these “I am without bread, & Cannot get any, the Committee will not Supply me, my Children will Starve, or if they do not, they must freeze, we have no wood, neither Can we get any—*Pray Come Home*”—These Applications Affect me, My Ears are not, neither shall they be shutt to such Complaints, they are Injurious they wound my feeling, & while I have Tongue or Pen I will busy myself to stir up my Countrymen to act like *men* who have all at Stake, & not think to enriched themselves, by the Distresses of their brave Countrymen, in the Field—It hath been Practiz'd too Long—Dont drive us to Despair we are now on the Brink—Depend upon it we cannot put up with such treatment any Longer—Spare yourselves, by Rewarding the Brave

Your Affectionate Son

EB HUNTINGTON

MAJOR JOSHUA HUNTINGTON
Norwich
Fav'd of CAP'T WATERMAN

8 o'Clock A M
Quarters Warren 14th March 1779

My dear Brother

Last Night 12 o'Clock I rec'd Orders to hold myself in readinefs to march with Col'o Sam B. Webbs Reg't at 10 o'Clock this Morning—I suppose we shall march to Tiverton, but at present I remain Ignorant the Reason for Supposing we are for Tiverton, is because the Time of the troops who are now there Expire on the 17th Instant—they are now Commanded by Brig'd Gen'l Cornhill of this State—I wish you to Inform Mr Fanning that I wish that B'o Cloth of mine to be forwarded as soon as Convenient

Yours Affectionately

EB HUNTINGTON

MAJ'R JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

MAJ JOSHUA HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Tiverton 3d May 1779

Dear Brother

Your favour by Sert' Williams came safe to hand, as did Seven of the Eight Hams mentioned to be sent Capt Waterman & the bundle of Cloth: I have settled the matter with Commif' Southwick & shall Inclose you his receipt by next opportunity in fav' of Mr. Fanning—I am not much disappointed in hearing of the Fate of our Privateer, Trumbull, as it is my hard fate to be unlucky in privateering—It shall not give me a moments uneasiness as I am in a fair way of making a fortune, If I only can Continue in the Army two Years longer, as I receive Eighty dollars in Wages & Subsistance, Monthly, & since at this post have spent it weekly—We have been without bread or Rice more than five days out of seven, for these three Weeks past—and the Prospect remains as fair as it hath been—Excuse me in giving you a list of Prices, or Amounts Currant—Potatoes 24 Dollars per Bushel, Eggs 18 /per Doz—Veal 5s / per lb and that to be bought but Seldom Butter 18 / per lbs & that more Seldom than Veal, Oysters, nor fish to be Purchased at Present, nor have been for this fortnight past, Rum 2 Dollars per Gill—The Provision we draw hath been Chiefly Salt Beef, and that alone without bread or Potatoes is tedious—It appears to me that unles the Army is better Supplied, you had better disband them now, rather than fill the Regiment—I have been as unwilling to hear trifling Compliants as any persons but had my feelings been harden'd with Steel, they would have been soften'd by the too Just & Repeated Compliants of those who seldom Murmur—if the Fault lies at the door of any Individual, deliver him

to us for a Sacrifice, as it would be more acceptable to us, if we must be starved, first to imbrue our hands in the Blood of him who brought us to it—if it is the Depreciation of the Money you are all alike Guilty, & ought to be Slaves to all Eternity to those who dare Contend for freedom—Notwithstanding the Currency is as bad or worse than nothing, the whole department, are in Arrears for Six Months, & one Brigade for Seven—Hitherto the Regiment has been kept together but I dare not be answerable till tomorrow Morning—

This whole part of the Country are Starving for want of bread, they have been drove to the necefsity of Grinding Flaxseed & oats together for bread—Is it not Pofsible for the State to do something else besides Promises, Promises cannot feed or Clothe a Man always—Performance is sometime necefsary to make a man believe you intend to Preform—Let us await it Pofsible the Event of the next Sefion, & Pofsibly Hatters & Wire drawers Can Effect what wise men Can not

Your Affectionate Brother

EB HUNTINGTON

I got into such a Paſſion that I Closed my letter before I thought of it—I wish to know about a Horse, can you get me one at any price—nothing leſs than 1,500 Dollars will purchase one fit to ride in this part of the World—The Evening of the 2d Instant Eight of the Enemies Boats attempted to land about Six Miles up Taunton River, but were diſcovered on which they pushed off & Return'd Nothing further worth men- tioning

Love to the Circle

Yours Sincerely

EB

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQ

Merchant

Fav'd by MR WEBB to Wethersfield

Wethersfield 12th Dec 1779

Forward by your friend & Honble Serv't

SAM'L B WEBB.

Danbury 3d December 1779

Dear Brother

You will see by the Date of this that our March into the Jersies hath not been so rapid as I expected when I left you at Norwich—Tho by the by we Expect to begin our March to morrow (Weather Permitting) for Morristown 50 Miles beyond the River, there to receive further Orders It will be extreme Cold in tents which we shall make use of Every Night, after we leave this Place, until we get our Huts Compleated, which we think will be, about the Middle of Jan'y

I have to request that you will give me as nearly as Pofsible the Monthly Depreciation of the Currency from Jan'y 1777 to Jan'y 1st 80 for the Necefsaries of Life, also the Monthly exchange for Hard Money the sooner you give it the More you'll oblige me

after writing my love & Compliments to the Circle Permit to Subscribe myself your very

Affectionate Brother

EBEN HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Norwich

Hon'd by DOCTOR ELLIS

Morris Town 8th Feb'y 1780

Dear Sir

Your favors of the 4th & 10th Ult came safe to hand, tho' rec'd only three days since, at the time I rec'd them I was on the lines, but have since been reliev'd

As I have been on duty so much for four Weeks past, I have not been able to get my Hutt Compleated but am now paying my utmost attention to it I am in hopes, to get it Compleated by the first of Next Month, if the Weather is favorable—at present I have taken Quarters in one of the Officers Huts where I expect to remain till my own is so far finish'd as to move into it—I observe that in your letter you mention about being Continued in the 3d Clas of the Lottery—I wish it by all means beg you would pay attention to it for me, &

I have not been able to hear a line from my good father since I left Norwich & as I left him much unwell am very Anxious, he used to write me & as I have rec'd no line from him have Supposed that his Indisposition is greater than when I left him, I wish you would write to me particularly about him—We have nothing new in this part of the World as to the Excursion the Enemy made at Elisabeth town, you must have had the Particulars in the Newspapers, as it hath been Published and very Exactly—Congrefs are now deliberating about the Reduction of some of the Reg'ts What Reg'ts or what number will be reduc'd, I know not but suppose & wish the Greater part, as I think it very unnecessary & Expensive to keep so great a Number of Officers in

Service & so few Men—Posibly I shall be one of the Number, wish it may be the Case as I think it would be very agreeable, to live at Ease & Quietnes once more (free from the Noise & Dim of Arms) & restore an Injured Constitution, too much worn in the Service of an Ungrateful Country I think this Winter must have been a very agreeable one with you; Horses in plenty & good Sleighing—A happy Circle plenty of the Necesaries & Comforts of life & so free from Businefs as to have nothing Interfere with your Pleasures, except the Ill health of our good father should damp them—

You ask me what Number of Troops have gone from N York who Commanded them & where bound—The Number is uncertain, Sir Henry is gone in Person, & I believe without any doubt bound to the Southward I wish my love & Respect to those with you & to whom due

I am dear Brother

Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

Mount Pleasant, Hutt's, 11th May 1780

Dear Sir

By a letter from Mamma rec'd some days since I find that you suppose me in Debted to you for several letters. I may be for letters wrote, but not for letters rec'd I have rec'd but few letters from my friends since I left Connecticut and a very *few of them* from Norwich—I understand by a line from Brother Jed'h that his Waggon is to move towards Camp as soon as the Grafs hath grown suff't to subsist the Horses, I wish it may be soon, as I expect some stores in it—with an Expectation that I may have an Opportunity of getting a Hatt when made. I wish you to get me an Elegant beaver one made, by Hinsman or such other person as you may think proper, I wish it *very* large & *well made*, the Size of the Crown is rather smaller than Brother Joshua, more than Commonly deep, & not Cock'd that part I will do myself, I wish it may be done by the 1st of June—I am not entirely without Expections of a Visit into Connecticut, if I should do it I shall spare a day for my Norwich friends—

Col' Grover now waiting Obliges me to Close by saying that I am dear Sir—

Yours Sincerely

EBEN HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQ
Norwich

Bush Hutts N Jersey 4 Miles from Pasacik falls
July 7 1780

Dear Sir

I must Acknowledge some letters from my Norwich friends among which one from you, which should have been acknowledge'd before this, but our very ramby Situation will not admit of any Conveniency for writing, this I write on my knee—We took the field the 7th of last Month, not from Inclination but from Necfsity, as the Enemy moved so near our Hutts as Oblig'd us to send our Baggage into the Rear & for want of tents & teams to Carry them we have lain in the Woods without any Covering but what the Almighty gives the Brute Creation to which State we verge fast—Our whole Army when Collected amounted to About 2/3'd of the force of the Enemy. When the Enemy first landed & advanced they were much harras'd by the Militia, which for some reason induc'd the Enemy to burn wherever they went—after lying in N Jersey sometime they Manovered as tho' they intended a move up the N River, in Consequence of which his Excellency March'd toward W. Point with 5 Brigades, leaving behind Maxwell's & Stark Brigads, the 23d the Enemy moved from Elizabeth town (to which Place they had Previously retir'd) toward Springfield where our troops lay except Parties advanced—our People fought them as they advanc'd but when they had got to Springfield they endeavor'd to turn our left flank at the same time pushing a heavy column toward our Centre, our troops Repuls'd them on the left, tho' the Enemy gain'd the

Pafs in the Centre After about 40 Minutes very heavy fireing— Col' Angells Reg with some small detachments from the line fought there Main force during the 40 Minutes Col' Angells Reg't lost 41 killed & Wounded out of about 160, officers Included—the Enemy suffered much by their own accounts—our troops behav'd well & receiv'd the thanks of Gen'l Green & the Commander in Chief about 3 o'Clock P. M. they retir'd our people harafsing their Rear, until they had got within their lines which they had hove up on Elisabeth town Point, the night following they Retreated to Statten Island & the 25th we began our March to Join the Main Army which lay at Ramapaugh except the Connecticut line which had moved on to W Point. We lie in the Woods as stated in the beginning of this letter, hoping to be able to have tents in a few days. The Rascally Stupidity which now prevails in the Country at large, is beyond all descriptions they Patiently see our Illustrious Commander at the Head of 2,500 or 3,000 Ragged tho Virtous & good Men & be oblig'd to put up with what no troops ever did before Why dont you Reinforce your Army, feed them Clothe and pay them, why do you Suffer the Enemy to have a foot hold on the Continent? You Can prevent it, send your Men to the field, believe you are Americans Not suffer yourselves to be dup'd into the thought that the french will relieve you & fight your Battles, it is your own Superiornets that induc'd Congrefs to ask foreign Aid, it is a Reflection too much for a Soldier, You dont deserve to be freemen unlefs you can believe it yourselves, when they arrive they will not put up with such treatment as your Army have done they will not serve Week after Week without Meat without Cloathing, & paid in filthy Rags. I despise My Countrymen. I wish I could say I was not born in America, I once gloried in it but am now ashamed

of it—if you do your duty, tho' late, you may finish the War this Campaign, you must Immediately fill your Regiments, & pay your troops in Hard Monies they can not excit as Soldiers otherwise—The Insults & Neglects which the Army have met with from the Country, Beggers all description, it must Go no farther they can endure it no longer, I have wrote in a Pafision, indeed I am scarce ever free from it—I am in Rags, have lain in the Rain on the Ground for 40 hours past, & only a Junk of fresh Beef & that without Salt to dine on this day, rec'd no pay since last December Constituents complaining, & all this for my Cowardly Countrymen who flinch at the very time when their Exertions are wanted, & hold their Purse Strings as tho' they would Damn the World, rather than part with a Dollar to their Army—

I will leave this page & ask your Attention to the next—

Enclosed you will receive an Order on Elijah Hubbard Esq Middletown for £ 3.000 which I wish to be provided and laid out for me in Clothing—agreeable to following invoice—3½ yards Superfine Blue B'd Cloth 7 doz best white C't Buttons for the same, 3 yards Superfine White B'd Cloth, Lining for two Coats, Lining for two Jackets, indeed everything to make up the Cloth for Coat & the Underdrefs, also White Lining proper for 4 Vests & 4 breeches, 3 pr boot Stockings thread, the Hatt I wrote for some time since—if I have Credit or can poslibly obtain it for these Articles I wish them immediately, the sooner the better, my Red Coats I cannot wear—Pray exert yourself for them, I stand in great need of everything mention—

Yours &C

EB HUNTINGTON

Make my love, Compliments &C to my friend & believe that I must wish to see them & have for five Weeks expected it, but am now induc'd to believe I shall I shall not see you soon—

Adieu

If Cap't Asa Waterman hath or should forward a trunk & bedding to you, I wish it sent on to me—

MR. ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Wethersfield 27th November 1780

Dear Sir

By a letter from Major Talmadge, we are inform'd that last Week he went over to Long Island with a Party of 80 Men, that he marched to a place called Coram about 16 Miles from where he landed indeed t'was almost across the Island, where he attack'd Fort St George Garrison'd with 60 Men, Carried it & took about 40 Prisoners, on his Return to his boats, he burnt a Magazine of Forage of about 300 tons of Hay & return'd safe—in taking the Fort he had one man Wounded, tho' Slightly—

Let me tell you this Town are about Procuring two fine Shirts for each of their Officers in the Line of the Army, Pray dont be behind hand (I want a Couple) in doing good—

Congrefs have given or rather resolved to give each of the Lads who took Andre, 200 Dollars Annually in Specie for Life, & have order'd a Silver Medal to be given each of them, with a Copy of the Resolve in their favor—By letters from Camp, I find that I am Arranged on the New Establishment, which is by no means pleasing; I have wrote my friends in hopes to get it Altered but fear I shall not be able—

After wishing my love to you I Subscribe myself

Yours Sincerely

EBEN HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQUIRE
Norwich

Weth'd 25th Jan'y '81

Dear Brother

When I was at Northampton I saw a Mr Strong (whom Mr Strong of Norwich wrote to about board) who told me he had wrote to Mr Strong every thing necessary about it I got brother Zach' in with some difficulty at 9s / per Week at a Mr John Hunts, a very Clean place--I was at Hadly and Amherst, our friends were all very well & desired much Love & Compliments to the families at Norwich as doth your Affectionate Brother

EBEN HUNTINGTON

P. S. I have wrote Brother
Jed'h every Particular
about Bills & Notes to be
negotiated at the treasury &
Commision of Loans—

ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Hartford 2d March 81

Dear Brother

Your favor respecting the State Notes was duly rec'd, at present the treasurer will not do anything about them, he says he can not untill some other businefs is Compleated, nor can he tell how soon it will be in his power—I rec'd a line from Brother Joshua respecting a small Bill for Paper supplied the Forts at N London, the Committee of Pay table will give no orders in Conti: for that reason I have return'd the Bill by Doctor Turner that it may be properly made in State Money as that is the only Currency which the pay table will give orders to—I have also inclosed three setts of Bills for 12 Dollars each in favor of Brother Jed'h also his Certificate, which beg you to deliver him, his other Matters which he wrote me about I shall attend to—(One letter to the family must excuse me at this time) I wish Brother Joshua

to raise me £50, Solid if it can be done no other way he must sell one of my State Notes for as much as it will fetch if it is not above £50, State Money, I must raise that sum in hand at all Hazards—

With the most Affectionate feelings to the families I subscribe myself

Your very Humble Serv't

EBEN HUNTINGTON

State Money at Hartford is
two & a half for one
Conti: 75

ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich

Light Infantry Camp Dobbs Ferry
August 2d 1781

Dear Sir

Since I left Norwich, I have not been favored with a line from you, but by letters lately rec'd from Sister Nancy by Brother Jed'h, am inform'd my friends are in usual health, & that no material Alterations has taken place in Respect to our good Father, hope you will be able to inform me he has recover'd his usual Health & Spirits—Nothing has happen'd lately worthy your information, Our Kingsbridge Expedition you must have long since had the Particulars of, hope soon to give you some intelligence of Consequence, altho' at Present we remain very peaceable in Camp—The Enemy have no post without Kingsbridge except a small Garrison in Fort N 8 which is on or rather near Harlem Creek about a Mile below Kingsbridge toward Morifsania, they very seldom venture out more than a Mile this side Kingsbridge toward our Camp except the Horse Thieves of Delaney's

From the Repeated Promises of his Excellency the Governour & Council to the Committee Previous to their leaving Connecticut, we have from time encouraged the Officers & Soldiers to wait with Patience, & that they would without any Doubt receive some Money soon they have waited with earnestness but are now almost outrageous, they Complain of the Ill Usage they receive from the State, the more they Suffer the more the State insults them by their

Neglect, you have no right to expect their Services a Moment Longer, they have served you from the 1st of Jan'y 77 & have rec'd but just their Wages for 77, the rest is due, you obliged them to Loan you two Years, & now withhold the Interest; They have since the Loaning of those two Years, served you 18 Months' have rec'd three Months Nominal Pay in Old Continental Money (at 75 for one) we have borne till we can bear no longer, you must pay us in Gold, or find other Servants, & those who ask no Wages—if we meet such Treatment from you when our Services are so much wanted, what can we expect at the Close of the Campaign (should it be Glorious) when you have no further need of our Services, but Insult & Injury in a triplicate Proportion from what we have already rec'd should it be in your power to inflict so great an Allowance from a Store which ought to be exhausted—We are serving with the French Army where the Officers dine in Luxury & give us frequent invitation to their tables, we can't go to them, because we can not return the Compliment, Cloath feed & Pay us & you may have any Services you wish, but you must not expect nor shall you receive but little more without, I do not aim at you Personally, I can excuse you & many more, but the State at large, don't deserve freedom, nor no other People on Earth, who are neither willing to Contend for Freedom Personally or for those who will defend their Cowardly Souls, Think one Moment at the very time you ought to have had your troops all in the field Cloath'd & Disciplin'd (will say no more about pay) you are just forwarding your *three Months Men*, & them to be the Subject of the Drill during their Service—

Excuse me I am warm, & angry at the State, but still am yours Sincerely—

This letter will not be signed nor will you need any
signature to know the Writer—

My Love to your good Lady & the rest of the Circle
Joshua was to have forwarded some Salt fish & a
Case of Wine. I have heard nothing about them since I
left Norwich tho' should be very happy to, or even to
know whether they have been forwarded & are safe

ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Norwich

Connecticut

To the Care of GEN'L HUNTINGTON

Peeks Kill

Camp before York 10th October 1781

Dear Sir.

Ten days since I wrote you by some Seamen bound to N London & Norwich who had been captured at Sea by the Enemy & recaptured by our good Allies and Landed in this State, that they might return to their friends, at the time I wrote we had but just disembarked in James River after coming down the Bay from the Head of Elk, since while I think I wrote, but by what Conveyance or when am not able to say, this will be forwarded to Gen'l Huntington, who takes charge of all my letters bound further Eastward—Since I wrote you we have removed as you see by the date of this, on our approach the Enemy evacuated their out works & began Strengthening their more interior ones we have attac'd their abandoned out works & turn'd them against York & since then run our first Parallel & built our Batteries on it & open'd them yesterday, at present we have about 30 heavy pieces open'd on the town, but in 6 days more unlefs his Lordship Complains of our fire, we shall have upward of Ninety including Mortars to tease him with, which must Inevitably from his Situation oblige him to Surrender

Yours Sincerely without Signature

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQUIRE

Norwich

By DAVID MATTISON

Connecticut Village 16 March 82

Dear Sir

Since leaving Norwich, I have not been favoured with a line from any of my friends except from General Huntington, If I was to judge from the Leisure you had when I left you, but little doubt would remain of the want of time, the reasons why I don't hear from you. I will not undertake to judge of, but you may rest assure'd I shall be happy to hear from you as often as you can make it Convenient, as I feel very anxious about our good father, whose situation was very disagreeable when I last heard from him, tho' better than when I parted with him—We are Hutt'd between two very high hills about Eight Miles from Fish Kills and entirely sequestered from the World, or the pleasures thereof, & at Present without any News—I have ever had an Idea of Poverty, but never experienced it more, I have but 2 3 £ M'oy only & am in debt Eleven dollars which I have borrowed, to buy Potatoes, butter &C but I am in hopes that a Relief will Come, previous to the *Expiration* of that 2 3, as I shall take good Care of it —

Wishing you & friends Health and happinefs I subscribe myself

Affectionately Yours

EBEN HUNTINGTON

COLONEL HOWELL WOODBRIDGE
Glastenbury

Wethersfield 5th May 1782

Dear Sir

I am Called on as Mustering Officer to give a Returns tomorrow Evening of all Men in the Army Consider'd as belonging to Hartford County, which I can not do unlefs I can obtain it from some one of the County Committee, would therefore esteem it a particular favor if you will make out a list of the Men for me, that I may Copy by same & forward to the General—Was I not obliged to attend the Rendezvouz at Hartford to morrow, I should not have asked so much from you but would have waited on you & made out a Copy, but as it is must request the same of you—I will send for it tomorrow Evening unlefs you have an Opportunity to forward the same by some of the Men who attend the Rendezvous

With Respect & Esteem

Your Humble Servant

EBEN HUNTINGTON

COL' WOODBRIDGE

ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Merchant

Norwich

Hon'd by MR JUDSON

Camp Verplanks Point 4th September 82

Dear Sir

We moved our Camps from the Highlands to this Place the 1st Instant, & I believe merely to get new ground, as we have no Objet in view Offensive, & for the defensive our last position was best, we have but little else to do but discipline our men, getting them ready to take posfesfion of N York when the Enemy shall leave it—Our Expectations are great as to the Evacuation of New York, Betts are nearly equal, the Enemy have evacuated Charlestown, an order for the evacuation or rather information was given for it, the 12th Ult to the Inhabitants of Charlestown by the Gen'l commanding there, the Garrison is daily expected at New York—a British fleet is hourly expected at N York, they have been spoke with on the Coast, Posfsibly to Convoy the Garrison—I am wishing my love to be given Sister & the Neighbourhood

Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON ESQ

Norwich

Connecticut

Camp Verplank Point 4th Oct' 1782

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 17th & 23d Ultimo were Duly received for which am much obliged to you—Brother Gen'l on his return home was able to give you all the news then with us, & since his leaving us we have not a single word—

In regard to the Subject of *a horse*, I dare not give you much encouragement, as there are but few Horses worth having in the Q M Gen'l hands, and those when sold are to be bid off at Vendue for his Notes only which he has been giving this Campaign, (which are depreciated 25 per Cent,) and many other publick Stores in the like pay, and as those notes & Securities are bad property it will not do to speculate in them, and as they are depreciated so much, & the pofsessors discouraged as to the payments, every thing will go high, and those Notes are as valuable to the publick as Cash for they must be redeemed this fall,—I intend to obtain a horse from the Q M Gen'l for myself if it can be done Cheap, but I really believe that Horses are 15 or 18 if not 25 per Cent Cheaper out of Camp than in—Brother Jed'h is with you & I think can better advise you than myself—

Wishing my Compliments & Love to the Circle & your Health & happinefs I subscribe myself

Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

COL' JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

Garrison West Point 13th Nov'r 1782

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive an Order in my favor on the treasurer of the town of Norwich, which I wish you to Negotiate for me, if it can not be done, beg you will write me that I may secure it some other way—

We have no news at present from any Quarters, the Reduction of the Regiments has employed much of our time for a fortnight past, for particulars I refer you to Cap't Durkee who will deliver you this

My best Wishes attend you & Circle

Yours Sincerely

EBEN HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Norwich

Garrison West Point 9th Dec'r 1782

Dear Sir

So good an Opportunity as this by Frank I am unwilling to let pafs by without a line, th'o I have it not in my power to acknowledge the Rec't of a single line from you for a very long time—Since the troops have come on to the Point the two youngest Reg'ts have been reduced & only three remain, at which reduction I await'd myself of the Opportunity to get out of Col' Webbs Reg't and am now in Col' Butlers—We have no news of any kind here, the troops are very uneasy for want of pay & have appointed a Committee to wait on Congrefs to Obtain Pay & some other Matters which they consider themselves as fully entitled to, th'o not in so much need of—The Event of the Embafsy *must* be agreeable to the Line, or I dread the Consequences—

Should the Sleighing be good I shall endeavour to pay you a short visit during the Winter but it is by no means certain.

Wishing you & the Circle Health & Happiness

I subscribe

Yours Sincerely

EBEN HUNTINGTON

COLONEL JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

Norwich

To the Care of MR WM COIT

Hartford

Wethersfield 13th March 1783

Dear Sir

I have spoken to Brother Jack ab't the money you rec'd from Capt. John Belding, would in Consequence of which conversation advise you to write Brother Zack & request him to pay the same—The Waggon has arrived from Camp & will set off again this Morning— & I shall take my distance & departure this Afternoon or to morrow morning—Since I wrote Brother Zack I have received the long wish'd for letter & two others from Brother Jed'h the last dated 7th Inst' at which time the family was well & no Confirmation of Peace—I have left the Notes for Mr Rodman with Brother Chester and the form of a Rec't agreeable to Brother Jed's wishes

If Mr Rodman can make it posible to return the same Notes to Jed'h it will be pleasing & I think he will be able, if M Benj' Huntington don't deliver them to the Treasurer until Mr Rodman can look about himself

Love to the Circle

Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich

West Point 29th March 83

Dear Sir

Permit my Congratulations to you as Peace being agreed on—The Commander in Chief has announced it to us, & tho he rec'd his Information from the Sec'y of Foreign Affairs, still Congrefs has no Official Acc't but the news comes by Cadiz from the Marquis la fayette who on receiving the account from Paris & orders for the fleet not to sail, Dispatched a boat to Philadelphia to the French Minister, and at the same time wrote the Gen'l & Congratulated him on the Confirmation of peace—we have not the least doubt of it, & that very soon we shall be dissolved as a Military body, & Join with our Countrymen in the Walks of Private Life.

Wishing Love to the Circle

I subscribe Yours

EBEN HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Merchant

Norwich

By SERG'T REYNOLDS

West Point 16th April 1783

Dear Sir

Your letter by Mr Goodale, was received as was one from Brother Joshua & another from Brother Zach to whom I shall not be able to write at this time—I observe by your letter that Whipple was not able to obtain his wages from the town for want of his Notes not being forwarded to the Selectmen—I wrote the Selectmen the 16th of March in which letter were contain'd Whipples Notes which I rec'd from Mr Beers on their order, amounting to £19 17 8 payable in two Notes, & forwarded the same by Nathan Edgerton as being a good Conveyance, at which time I wrote you & Brother Joshua, am not a little surprized that they have not been received—I wish you to inform the Select Men the Situation the matter is in that some Steps may be taken for Securing the Notes by Advertizing them in Case they are not yet received—The Conveyance was so good that Gen'l Huntington sent sundry Articles to the family & no account of their being received—

I Congratulate you on the Confirmation of Peace—
& Subscribe myself

Yours Sincerely

EBEN HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich

West Point 12th August 1783

Dear Sir

When I left Norwich I was in expectation that the Definitive Treaty would have arrived before this, & that before the close of this Month I should have been with you, but it appears not as yet, and when to fix on for a period to celebrate it, is difficult tho' we most earnestly wish it, that we may return to private Life with all the care & Comfort, that an ungrateful Countryman will permit—how much that will be, God Knows when we are become, not only the objects of abuse in the publick prints, and called the Harpies & Locusts of the Country, but am even so Obnoxious as to be Mobbed, and that under the Eyes of the Civil Authority if not under their Direction—God grant us Government, as States, free & independent, or give us a King, even tyranny is better than Anarchy—and I am well convienced the people do not know to distinquish between Liberty and licentiousnes—If you have no particular Cloth procured for me, I wish you to get me enough to replace that you had of me of the same Colour or nearly so, that I may get my Regimentals aside soon after I get home, & lay them up against a revolution, which will happen in Eighteen Months, unleſs government is supported—

God bleſſ you and my Brother

Adieu

EBEN HUNTINGTON

MR ANDREW HUNTINGTON
Merchant
Norwich
To the care of MR JOHN MOORE
New York

West Point 2d September 1783

Dear Sir

Since I last wrote you, I have not been favored with a line from you or any of the family, th'o by a letter from Mr Fanning to the General am informed that Brother Joshua has been very low and dangerous, but at the time he wrote was thought better and indeed on the recovery am very happy to hear it—at the time this letter arrived here, the Gen'l & myself was up the River, we have been a tour up to Saratoga on the Hudson, and to Schenectady on the Mohawk River, and are in raptures with that Country, and if the present dirty spirit which prevails through Connecticut should continue, I think it not unlikely that we shall leave the State of Connecticut, and settle in this, or go further west—for we can not be very happy to continue with a people who criminate us for making them free, it is too ungrateful, & I think I may say that a person who is capable of Ingratitude is capable of every rascality

My love to the family & Circle

Adieu

Yours Affectionately

EBEN HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Merchant

Norwich

By PETTINGAL

West Point 6th September 83

Dear Sir

Three days since I wrote you by way of N York, at that time not expecting a more direct Conveyance but anxiety has induced me at length to send a soldier on purpose to carry letter & bring in news from Norwich, beg you will be so good as to favor me with every thing worth notice by his return, we have no news at this post or from the South, all our news, is of commutation, and that from the Hartford paper, the Lad who carries this has leave of absent for twelve days, & will call on you the Evening before he leaves home for this post—

With much Affection for the Circle

I subscribe myself

Yours

EBEN HUNTINGTON

A Return for a Suit of Clothing for the Band of
Musick belonging to the Officers of Col. Sam B. Webbs
Battalion

	Coat	Vests	Breeches	Shirts	Shoos	Socks 10 ^{1/2}	Hat	Gloves
Timothy Olmstead	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Epraphras Jones	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Solomon Goodrich	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
John Steel	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Stephen Moulton	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Prosper Hosmer	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
William Hooker	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Jared Bunce	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
	8	8	8	16	8	16	8	16

It is desir'd that the Uniform may be Yellow if to be had: if not then White, but be it White or Yellow, wish it may be fac'd with Scarlet, Lin'd with white, & White Underrefs—White Buttons—

Warren 30th Dec'r 1778 E Huntington Maj'r Command'r

COL' SAM B. WEBBS Battalion

Sir

Warren 7th Jan'y 1779

Procure the above Articles & make Report to me that your Expenses may be paid by the public

I VARMUN B G

MAJOR HUNTINGTON

Providence 29th April 1779

I do Certify on Honour that the Within Bill was made out for Clothing which Gen'l Sullivan desir'd Gen'l Varmun to inform me of, as it was a Gratuity to the Band of Musick, over and above the Continental Allowance of Clothing.

EB HUNTINGTON MAJ'R

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